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Chetzemoka Inaugural Sailing Set for Sun., Nov 14

The 64-car Chetzemoka will be welcomed by Gov. Gregoire, local officials and the communities on Sun., Nov 14. The Chetzemoka is the first of the Kwa-di Tabil Class ferries that will replace some of WSF's aging fleet and provide safe, reliable and efficient service. The activities at the Coupeville (Keystone) and Port Townsend ferry terminals will be open to the community. The inaugural sailing between Whidbey Island and Port Townsend is by invite only due to the limited capacity of the vessel. WSF is working with the Town of Coupeville and the City of Port Townsend on the community invitees. The new ferry will begin its regularly scheduled service between Port Townsend and the Coupeville terminal on Monday, Nov. 15. More detail about the event will be shared in my upcoming weekly emails.

Presentation at Interferry Conference

I spoke at a fully sponsored (no state money) Interferry Conference in New York on Monday. The conference was attended by leading ferry operators from around the world. I presented on WSF's fleet, operations, ridership and challenges moving forward. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to interface with the leadership of other ferry systems from around the world and get a better sense of their operations.

Reminder: Mukilteo Project Scoping Meetings

As a reminder, next week WSF is holding public scoping meetings on Oct. 12, 13, and 14. WSF and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are evaluating concepts to replace or relocate the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal. The environmental process for this project was re-initiated in February 2010 after being on hold since 2007, due to funding and constructability issues associated with previously identified alternatives. WSF is considering a variety of concepts during the environmental process and will share these concepts with the public for review and comment. To participate in a public meeting and to learn more about the project, please visit the project webpage at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/mukilteoterminal/multimodal/

Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility Preservation Nearly Complete

This morning, I attended an event at Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility hosted by the contractor to celebrate the near completion of a seismic retrofit for the facility as well as a remodel of the eight shops. The \$10.5 million preservation project rehabilitated the facility to ensure that it could continue to maintain WSF's 22 ferries and 20 terminals. The facility provides a critical maintenance function, so WSF is able to serve its nearly 23 million annual customers.

WSF Budget Cuts

As you may know, the Governor has mandated state agencies to submit budget reductions. I met with WSF management this week and we are in the process of developing a submittal to the Office of Financial Management. These budget cuts would be on top of the cost reductions that we have already implemented over the last couple of years.

WSF Offices to Close Mon., Oct 11 for temporary layoff day

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) offices around the state will close on Monday, Oct. 11, as part of legislatively mandated temporary layoffs due to state budget reductions. Although offices are closed, WSF employees directly involved with the operation of the fleet will be working to ensure that the ferries continue running. All WSDOT operations and services will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Next Week:

- Presentation to the Joint Transportation Committee
- Tulalip Tribal Conference

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